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HURRICANE WILMA RECOVERY REPORT

The Hurricane Information Line will be shut down at 5 p.m. today. Starting Friday, during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.), all Hurricane related inquiries from the public should be directed to (772) 462-2094.

Hurricane Situation Report 20
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Newest information is highlighted.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Recovery efforts are currently underway countywide.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

Curfew and ban on alcohol sales:

- **Curfew is midnight to 5 a.m.**
- The ban on alcohol sales is lifted countywide.

FEMA:

- St. Lucie County has been designated by the federal government as eligible for Individual Assistance. Residents should call (800) 621-FEMA to register for assistance. Residents should use the declaration #1609 when calling.

Distribution Centers:

- Both St. Lucie County distribution centers are closed. They will not reopen.

Roving Bus Brigade:

- **The Bus Brigade will not continue after today.**

Other Distribution:

- Last Day: St. Lucie County will have the “Blue Tarp” Distribution Center at the St. Lucie County Civic Center, 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28. The distribution center will close Friday.

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority:

- Fort Pierce Utilities Authority reports 96% of its customers have been restored. 1,080 FPUA customers are not restored.

FP&L:

- FP&L reports approximately 61% of St. Lucie County customers restored. (70,100 restored; 32,800 without)

Boil Water Notices:

- Per St. Lucie County Utilities water customers: Lakewood Park and Bryn Mawr (North Hutchinson Island) until further notice.
- Per St. Lucie County Health Department: Colony Club Mobile Home Park, Ridgcrest Mobile Home Park, Sunrise Mobile Home Park, Country Cove Mobile Home Park.

Schools:

- All St. Lucie County Schools will OPEN Monday, Oct. 31.
- The St. Lucie County Education Foundation Ball will still take place tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. Call (772) 429-3600 for information.
- St. Lucie County Public Schools will be closed Friday, Oct. 28.
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll Catholic High School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- St. Andrew’s Episcopal School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- Sun Grove Montessori School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- All Indian River Community College classes at all campuses resumed Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- Florida Atlantic University will remain closed through Sunday, October 30 and will resume classes on Monday, Oct. 31.

Shelters:

- All shelters are closed.

Port St. Lucie Debris Pick Up Information:

The following is provided regarding the status of the Public Works Department’s infrastructure and debris recovery:

- Debris Hotline 344-4009
- The City has issued a Notice To Proceed to AshBritt Environmental to mobilize and to start storm debris collections. Collection of debris is planned to start within the next couple of days. Residents are urged to bring their storm debris to the road edge (clear

of the travel way). Separation of vegetated debris and other storm related debris should be separated for ease of processing and disposal.

- At this time the City will open one Temporary Debris Staging and Reduction Site (TDSRS). This site will be the Juliet Avenue city owned property, same TDSRS site used during last year's hurricanes. Site preparations will commence within the next couple of days.
- If residents have small amounts of debris the material should be containerized in not more than 50-pound containers. This can be placed next to your solid waste containers for pickup. The better prepared and containerized your waste is the easier and faster it is to pickup.

Port St. Lucie Solid Waste Information:

- Solid Waste: Waste Management resumed solid waste collections Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- Recycling collections will be temporarily suspended.

St. Lucie County Government:

- Fairwinds Golf Course will open Friday, Oct. 28. However, the office will be open to the public today, Thursday, Oct. 27, so that patrons may reserve tee times.
- The St. Lucie County Historical Museum is opened today Thursday, October 27th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. However, the two nights of Haunted History scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 28th and 29th are cancelled.
- County (life-guarded) beaches opened today Thursday, Oct. 27.
- All St. Lucie County government offices are open to the public today, Thursday, Oct. 27.
- The St. Lucie County Landfill opened Wednesday, Oct. 26. Only regularly scheduled garbage pick-up is available countywide.
- The following County facilities opened today, Thursday, Oct. 27: Hurston, Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie & Lakewood Park branch libraries (Morningside branch does not have electricity) parks, Oxbow Eco-Center, Fort Pierce Community Center (Lincoln Park Community Center has no electricity).
- A local State of Emergency was declared at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

Health Department:

- Residents who have been unable to fill their oxygen tanks can call Oxypros to assist with refilling. Call (772) 878-4142.
- The St. Lucie County WIC Program will resume services at both office locations on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- St. Lucie County residents dependent on well water who have no electricity at this time may pick up ready-to-feed infant formula at the Fort Pierce WIC office located at 714 Avenue C. Proof of address, infant identification and/or WIC ID card is required.

Roads:

- FEC is closing the crossing on Savannah Road in Fort Pierce until power is restored. Motorists will be unable to drive from U.S. 1 to Indian River Drive.
- 25th Street is open between Midway Road and Edwards Road.

- Bell Avenue from 25th Street to Sunrise Blvd. is closed due to flooding.
- Law enforcement urges residents to treat intersections with non-working lights as 4-way stops. Temporary stop signs have been placed at intersections where traffic signals are out. Residents should use caution at intersections. Each vehicle must come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection.

North and South Bridges:

- North and South Bridges are open with no restrictions.

Debris Pick-up (Unincorporated St. Lucie County):

- The County will pick-up all eligible debris, Vegetative as well as Construction & Demolition (C&D) generated by Hurricane Wilma, from the Public Rights-of-Way, which lie within the Unincorporated Areas of St. Lucie County. Additionally, the County will pick-up debris staged adjacent to private roads and roadways within Gated Communities providing a Right-of-Entry form is filed with the County. Call (772) 462-3500 for additional information.
- For debris to be eligible it must be placed at the roadside by the homeowner(s), their Association, or a volunteer not-for-profit organization. If a contractor is contracted for tree removal or repairs to a structure, said contractor must be licensed and is held liable for legal disposal of all materials generated as a result of their services.
- Household waste placed within receptacles, recyclables and yard waste placed within bags and/or containers will be pick-up on their scheduled days. Hazard Materials are to be legally disposed of. Debris piles discovered to contain hazardous materials will not be picked up. Additionally, "White Goods" such as refrigerators, AC units, dishwashers, etc. should be placed at the curbside separately for pick-up.
- Pick-up times for the debris will be established at a later date.

Recycling:

- For residents of urban, unincorporated St. Lucie County, curbside recycling is suspended until further notice.

Bellsouth:

- Customers who report outages are eligible for pro-rated bills.
- Residential customers without service are asked to telephone (toll free) 877-737-2478.
- Business customers without service are asked to call (toll free) 866-620-6900.
- Hearing impaired customers without service are asked to call (toll free) 888-341-2355.
- Report outages on the web at www.bellsouth.com/repair.

Comcast Cable

- If you have power and no cable, call (800) COMCAST (266-2278).

Illegal Dumping:

- Residents and business owners are reminded that it is illegal to dump debris/trash in unauthorized areas. Authorities will monitor and prosecute any violators.

Donations:

- Mustard Seed is accepting non-perishable items. Please call 772-465-6021.
- Treasure Coast Food Bank at 3051 N. 25th Street in Fort Pierce, is accepting non-perishable food items. Please call 772-971-3337

Volunteers:

- Call 462-2766 to volunteer to assist with recovery efforts.

Fort Pierce:

- Fort Pierce City Hall is open as of Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- The Indian Hills Golf Course is open.

Port St. Lucie:

- Port St. Lucie City Hall will OPEN Thursday, Oct. 27.
- Normal garbage pick up service will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Courts:

- Courts in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties are open today in Fort Pierce, Wednesday, October 26.

Generator Safety:

- NEVER use a generator indoors, including in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. DO NOT refuel inside and allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

Community Transit:

- Community Transit is fully operational today, Thursday, Oct. 27.